

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: September 23, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2220 (Ms. Melissa A. Hart of Pennsylvania)

Proponent name, location: LANXESS Corporation
Pittsburgh, PA

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through 12/31/2009.

Retroactive effect: None.

Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):

Dyestuff containing as active ingredient 2,7-Naphthalenedisulfonic acid, 3,3'-[carbonylbis(imino-4,1-phenyleneazo)]bis[4-amino-5-hydroxy-6-(phenylazo)-, tetrasodium salt (CAS No. 59262-64-5) (provided for in subheading 3204.14.50)

Check one: ☐ Same as that in bill as introduced.
☒ Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

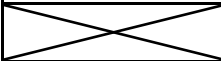
Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

This synthetic organic chemical dyestuff, better known as Pontamine Green 2B, is a Direct Green dyestuff principally used to dye paper used to make surgical drapes and gowns. This dyestuff is imported from Germany.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Robert Randall (202-205-3366); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>3204.14.50</u>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$820,000	\$845,000	\$870,000	\$905,000	\$932,000
Customs revenue loss	\$53,300	\$54,925	\$56,550	\$58,825	\$60,580

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
LANXESS Corporation (Proponent) Jamie Schaeffer 412-809-3666	7/27/2005	No	No	No
BASF Corporation Joseph C. Breunig, FAX: 704-587-7903	8/2/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Karen Niedermeyer, FAX: 412-777-7743	8/2/2005	No	No	No
Carey Industries, Inc. Raymond J. Carey, FAX: 203-791-2762	8/2/2005	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp. Michelle Forte, FAX: 914-785-4831	8/2/2005	No	No	No
Clariant Corporation Ken Golder FAX: 704-377-1063	8/2/2005	No	No	No
CMPA Larry Robinson, FAX: 703-684-1795	8/2/2005	No	No	No
Color Resources Int'l Inc. Wayne Jones, FAX: 864-862-6824	8/2/2005	No	No	No
Colorants & Textile Leather Chemicals Michael Strumpp, FAX: 973-426-3542	8/2/2005	No	No	No

ColorChem Steve Printz, FAX: 770-993-4780	8/2/2005	No	No	No
Day-Glo Michael Thornton, FAX: 216-391-1408	8/2/2005	No	No	No
DuPont Helen McMahon, FAX: 302-774-3980	8/2/2005	No	No	No
DyStar L.P. Van Hawkins, FAX: 704-561-3005	8/2/2005	No	No	No
ETAD Tucker Helms, FAX: 209-296-8120	8/2/2005	No	No	No
Everlight USA, Inc. Scott Chen, FAX: 704-588-0051	8/2/2005	No	No	No
Fanwood Chemical Jim DeLisi, FAX: 908-322-8494	8/2/2005	No	No	No
Milliken Ray Sanders, FAX: 864-503-1618	8/2/2005	No	No	No
NFC John Dickson, FAX: 803-548-2683	8/2/2005	No	No	No
Noveon Tom Dirmyer, FAX: 214-415-6001	8/2/2005	No	No	No
Noviant Paul Schmidt, FAX: 513-841-4841	8/2/2005	No	No	No
Passaic Color John Wojciechowski, FAX: 973-279-3175	8/2/2005	No	No	No
Rohm & Haas Steven Volger, FAX: 215-592-2550	8/2/2005	No	No	No
Sensient Technical Colors Dan Victor, FAX: 610-582-6663	8/2/2005	No	No	No
United Color Tom Nowakowski, FAX: 215-860-8560	8/2/2005	No	No	No
Yorkshire Americas, Inc. Allen Hughes, FAX: 704-376-3091	8/2/2005	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

³ The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to provide the correct HTS number.

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2220

To suspend temporarily the duty on Pontamine Green 2B.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2005

Ms. HART introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Pontamine Green 2B.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. PONTAMINE GREEN 2B.

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following:

“	9902.07.56	Dyestuff containing as active ingredient 2,7-Naphthalenedisulfonic acid, 3,3'-[carbonylbis(imino-4,1-phenyleneazo)]bis[4-amino-5-hydroxy-6-(phenylazo)-, tetrasodium salt (CAS NO. 59262–64–5) (provided for in subheading 3204.14.30) ..	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

